250655 - SISTAMB - Environmental Systems

Coordinating unit: 250 - ETSECCPB - Barcelona School of Civil Engineering
Teaching unit: 751 - DECA - Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Academic year: 2015
Degree: MASTER'S DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2014). (Teaching unit Compulsory)
ECTS credits: 5  Teaching languages: Catalan, Spanish, English

Teaching staff
Coordinator: JAUME PUIGAGUT JUAREZ
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Opening hours
Timetable: Fridays from 10h to 13h

Teaching methodology
The course is organized in sessions (3 hours/session). General structure of each session is that of 2 hours theory + 1 hour numerical exercises (as long as the theory is enough to address the numerical exercises).

Learning objectives of the subject
CE01 - Apply scientific concepts to environmental problems and their correlation with technological concepts.
CE02 - Analyze systems, environmental problems and their resolution using models and evaluate them.
CE03 - Acquire basic skills of laboratory work and identify the methods and instrumentation for the determination of parameters relevant to the analysis of environmental problems.

Very aware of the structure of land, water and artificial ecosystems and their interactions.
Meet the ecology and the cycling of elements.
Meet the major environmental problems globally.
Analyzes energy bases, stoichiometric and kinetic of different processes.
Modeling process and quantifies the performance and efficiency of systems.
Determines the basis of environmental hazards to human health and ecosystems.
Apply material balances and energy to environmental problems.
Interprets water-rock and water - air interactions using thermodynamic and kinetic methods.
Meet the pollutants and identify their impact.
Learn the basics of how the atmosphere and applies them in maintaining air quality.
Learn the basics of climate and discusses the implications of current climate change.
Conceptualized an environmental problem described by equations and poses analytical or numerical solution.
Identifies the codes you need to solve a problem as conceptualized.
Recognizes the spatial and temporal scales required to resolve the problem.
Is familiar with solutions to problems relating to dynamical systems.
Learn about simple solutions to problems advection- dispersion - reaction.
Recognizes the existence of uncertainty in the parameters of the equations and is capable of performing an uncertainty analysis and sensitivity.
Learn methods for information and action on various parameters or variables.
Understand that any measure inherently carries an associated error and is able to work with them.
It is critical to the values reported by others when the measurement method is not specified. He has worked in the laboratory measurement of some parameters of environmental interest.

Characteristics of major ecosystems.
Biodiversity, bioaccumulation and bioaugmentation.
Biological and chemical processes in the environment.
Biogeochemical cycles (C, N, O, S, P).
Functioning of natural systems.
Toxicology and ecotoxicology.
System dynamics.

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### Biogeochemical cycles

**Description:**
Basic knowledge of the great cycles of terrestrial elements (carbon, nitrogen and phosphorus). It is essential to understand these cycles in order to understand the effect of man on the environment.

**Specific objectives:**
- Understand the peculiarities of the great cycles of terrestrial elements (carbon, nitrogen and phosphorus)
- Understanding numerically the effect of man on the carbon cycle (climate change)

**Learning time:** 7h 11m  
- Theory classes: 2h  
- Practical classes: 1h  
- Self study: 4h 11m

### Population ecology

**Description:**
Will the basic concepts to understand the ecological relationships between people and their environment. Activities will be complementary to the number of theoretical population ecology.

**Specific objectives:**
The student acquires the knowledge to understand the use of the people as a tool to determine the quality of environmental systems.

**Learning time:** 28h 47m  
- Theory classes: 9h  
- Practical classes: 3h  
- Self study: 16h 47m

### Ecosystems

**Description:**
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**Learning time:** 21h 36m  
- Theory classes: 6h  
- Practical classes: 3h  
- Self study: 12h 36m
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#### Presentations

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**Specific objectives:**
Take the conscience of man's effect on environmental systems and sustainability strategies which are desired.

#### Review

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#### Qualification system

The mark of the course is obtained from the ratings of continuous assessment and their corresponding laboratories and/or classroom computers.

Continuous assessment consist in several activities, both individually and in group, of additive and training characteristics, carried out during the year (both in and out of the classroom).

The teachings of the laboratory grade is the average in such activities.

The evaluation tests consist of a part with questions about concepts associated with the learning objectives of the course with regard to knowledge or understanding, and a part with a set of application exercises.

#### Regulations for carrying out activities

Failure to perform a laboratory or continuous assessment activity in the scheduled period will result in a mark of zero in that activity.

#### Bibliography

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